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Letter dated 7 August 1995 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to present to you the annexed letter, dated today, from my Minister for Foreign Affairs to you.

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating the present letter and its annex as a document of the General Assembly, under item 28 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ivan Z. MISIC
Ambassador
Chargé d'affaires

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ANNEX

Letter dated 7 August 1995 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina addressed to the Secretary-General

Pursuant to the concerns raised in my letter of 6 August to you (see A/50/335-S/1995/662, annex), we must express our reservations resulting from the "agreement between the Government of the Republic of Croatia and the United Nations Peace Forces (UNPF)-United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation (UNCRO) on temporary measures in the areas formerly known as 'Sector North' and 'Sector South'" (see S/1995/666, annex III). While this agreement is meant to alleviate the hardships of the residents leaving the former Serb-occupied areas of Croatia, it should be noted that any such agreement should be consistent with Bosnia and Herzegovina's territorial integrity and sovereignty and consent.

Most unfortunately, this agreement has facilitated a movement of armed and unarmed Serb paramilitaries into Bosnia and Herzegovina. Furthermore, the Belgrade regime, transgressing against humanitarian norms, has closed its border to all men of fighting age who recently left the former Serb-occupied parts of Croatia, instead leaving them to the disposal of Karadzic's authorities and military commanders. While the movement of armed Serb paramilitaries into Bosnia and Herzegovina manifests an immediate danger to government loyal communities, the movement of unarmed Serb paramilitaries is an imminent danger as they will be armed by Karadzic's authorities. These events not only betray international law, but present a new deterioration by inflating those forces waging genocidal war and aggression against the remaining safe areas and free territories of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Again, we express support for United Nations action that provides for the welfare of those affected by war. However, any agreement regarding the territory of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina must have the consent of our Government. We cannot accept a disregard for our nation's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

We request that when activities resulting from the agreement take place on our territory, representatives of the Government of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina be present, including at border crossing, processing and transportation points, as well as aid distribution centres.

We demand that the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) list all those residents crossing into the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina from the former Serb-occupied territories of the Republic of Croatia, not only in respect of our sovereignty, but better to facilitate the resettlement of these persons in Croatia or other destinations as chosen by their own free will.

(Signed) Muhamed SACIRBEY
Minister